



Technical Bulletin

Division of Health Care Financing and Policy



Date: August 21, 2015

Topic: Nye Regional Medical Center Closing

Contact: Laurie Squartsoff, DHCFP Administrator

To: Medical Facilities and EMS

Current Situation

Nye Regional Medical Center (NRMC) is permanently closing Friday, August 21, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. All acute care patient services within the hospital, including but not limited to, the Emergency Department, Inpatient Care, Laboratory, Radiology, Respiratory, and Outpatient therapies will cease operations. The outpatient clinic will remain open until 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 4, 2015. After this date and time, the community will need to utilize the current emergency management system in place for Nye County, which will be to contact 911 for any medical emergency.

Nye County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is working with surrounding EMS agencies to assist with transport rendezvous. Nevada's Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) EMS is assisting with the efforts to ensure the safety of Nevadans and visitors. Nevada's Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is assisting with efforts pertaining to Medicaid recipients.

DHCFP staff are contacting the physicians in the area (including the catchment areas) about the situation so they are aware of the fact they may have more calls for medical services.

LogistiCare assembles and manages comprehensive transportation networks for their clients, including Medicaid recipients.

In response to this notification LogistiCare Nevada Operations has:

- Researched the trip data based on the last three months to these facilities to identify potential impact
- Identified the level of service needs within this area as ambulatory, wheelchair, and gurney (seldom)
- Notified the existing transportation provider; and networked to introduce additional transportation services into the area

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Reservation Line: 1-888-737-0833 or Facility Line 1-888-737-0830

In addition, CareFlight (REMSA), Summit Air, Mercy Air, LifeGuard and American Medflight are all Medicaid providers for emergency transportation.

Other important contact names/numbers:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie Squartsoff". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Laurie Squartsoff, DHCFP Administrator